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The Newsletter of the Livingston Alumni Association

LC Commencement '94

By Amos J. Danube, LC '72, Montclair State '73, GSNB '75
School Agent

The Livingston College Class of '94, with its 843 graduates, was congratulated by Dean Arnold G. Hyndman, Rutgers University Vice-President for Academic Affairs Joseph Seneca, ABC - TV correspondent Morton Dean, Class Speaker Roger L. Strong Jr., and LAA President Jeffrey Isaacs, among others, at Commencement 1994. The celebration was held at the Louis Brown Athletic Center, Livingston Campus, on May 19th, at 2:00 PM.

This year's commencement included two new initiatives. One was the first-time presentation of an honorary degree at the Livingston College Commencement. Historian August Meier of Kent State University was the recipient. The second was the kickoff of a year long celebration of the College's 25th anniversary.

Speaker Morton Dean warned the graduates in his keynote address not to develop the "anchor syndrome". This is the mistaken expectation of landing a top level, plum job on the first time out. He emphasized that there are opportunities in the job market "if you are willing to work hard". Mr. Dean asserted that "Americans are fed up with mediocrity, with the politicians they elect, with the goods they buy." After expressing his belief that, "Somebody has to fill that void", he challenged the graduates with "How about you?" (Continued on Page 6.)

Livingston College trustee Vesta Godwin, left, keynote speaker Morton Dean, center and Dean Arnold Hyndman listen to Roger L. Strong address his fellow graduates at commencement.

Janel Patti, pictured at left, received the LAA Livingston Pride Award.

Livingston Pride Award

By Jeffrey M. Isaacs, LC '84

On May 19, 1994, I had the honor of presenting the 5th Annual Livingston Pride Award on behalf of the Executive Council of the LAA at the Livingston Commencement. This year's winner was Janel C. Patti. Janel was actively involved in many college related activities during her years at Livingston. Among her credits, Janel Patti was a Livingston College Ambassador for four years - during which time she gave campus tours and assisted in student recruitment. She was also a member of the Livingston Security Committee for two years and served as student representative, a member of the Rutgers Advertising Society during 1993 and 1994 and participated on the team that developed a Saturn auto advertising campaign for national competition, and was a member of the Residence Hall Council from 1991 through 1994; where she served as president for the past two years. In addition, Janel was the chair of the public relations arm of the Livingston Program Board where she designed and fabricated the Livingston Program Board display that won first place at the ACU-I regional conference. Janel made the Dean's list for five semesters, won the Livingston Student Activities recognition award three years, and was listed in 1994 in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Congratulations to Janel for her dedication to Livingston College.

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Positions are available on the Livingston Alumni Association Executive Council. If you are interested in serving, contact Jeffrey Isaacs at 908-922-9550.

Life Members and Honorary Alumni

Twenty-seven Life Members and ten Honorary Alumni are now registered with the Livingston Alumni Association. The current price for Life Membership is two hundred seventy-five dollars. Many thanks to all of the Life Members and Honorary Alumni listed below:

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Mr. Albert E. Blumberg, Hon. 1985
Mr. John C. Leggett, Hon. 1987
Mr. W. Robert Jenkins, Hon. 1990
Mr. Walton R. Johnson, Hon. 1991
Mr. Edward G. Ortiz, Hon. 1994

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Honorary Alumnus Award

By William Samuel Bauer, Jr., LC '86, GSNB '89

The Livingston Alumni Association hosted a wine and cheese reception to honor Professor Edward G. Ortiz as the 1994 Honorary Alumnus on Saturday, April 9, 1994, at 2:30 p.m., in the Learning Resource Center, Tillett Hall. Jazz musicians played until LAA President Jeffrey Isaacs formally began the event and welcomed the many faculty, staff, and alumni that were in attendance. Dean Arnold Hyndman reflected on Professor Ortiz's service and commitment to the College. Dean Hyndman reminded everyone that during the early days at Livingston, Professor Ortiz was once in charge of Quad One and therefore is the former "leader of the Woodstock Nation" (old nickname for Quad One)! President Jeffrey Isaacs then presented Professor Ortiz with a plaque. Professor Ortiz spoke of the goals and experiences of Livingston. He also added that the Honorary Alumnus Award meant a lot to him. Vice President William Bauer then presented Professor Ortiz and the other Honorary Alumni in attendance: Dean Jenkins, Wells Keddie, and John C. Leggett, with their LAA Honorary Alumni ID Cards. Next, the jazz music continued and everyone had a good time celebrating with their friends. The Livingston Alumni Association thanks Professor Ortiz for his years of dedication and service to Livingston College.

President Jeffrey Isaacs presented Professor Ortiz with the Honorary Alumnus plaque.

Professor Ortiz and his family celebrated at the reception.

William Bauer LC '86, left, and Jeffrey Isaacs LC '84 at Spring Fest '94

LC Alumna Sue Zishock LC'88 had a chat with "Mr. Ed" at Ag Field Day.

Spring Event 94: A Review of A Midsummer's Night Dream

By Michele Ostrowski, LC '88

On the Spring night of April 16th, members of the Livingston Alumni Association journeyed into a bizarre world of an artistic adaptation of William Shakespeare's comedy.

Director Jonas Jurasa, and his cast presented in a nontraditional theatrical approach. A giant ball of rope and twine sat center stage. From this large ball, the Spirits would physically bring two lovers together by tying them with string. Their power of making love reflected their power of controlling many aspects of the mortals' lives.

Highlights of the play included a blinding white light fireball and a near orgy of stage players. The scene in which the queen of the fairies fell in love with a pony after riding it was very amusing.

This play is recommended for those who are brave and may wish to venture into an abstract world where you question reality. The Levin Theater offers many wonderful performances year round. Tel (908) 932-7511. Don't miss out.

Livingston College Spring Fest 94

By William Samuel Bauer, Jr., LC '86, GSNB '89

The Livingston Alumni Association participated in Livingston College's Spring Fest 94 on Saturday, April 23, 1994. Livingston clubs and organizations, including the Livingston Alumni Association, set up booths along the walkway from Tillett Hall to the Livingston Student Center. Bands played music throughout the day and plenty of good food was available for purchase. In addition, a beer garden was set up inside of the Skylight Cafe. LAA members talked with current students, gave away Livingston key chains and buttons, and even managed to sign up an alumnus who was in attendance! Altogether it was a fantastic day of sun, good music, and good times. If you missed the action this year, plan to be there next year and have some fun at your Alma Mater.

N.J. Folk Festival and Ag Field Day

The New Jersey Folk Festival occurred at Douglas College on Saturday, April 30, 1994. It was a beautiful day for the festival. Folk music filled the air as attendees drank plenty of lemonade and ice tea on this sunny, warm day. Several Livingston alumni including John Langbein '89, Michele Ostrowski '88, Sue Zishock '88, Sean Coughlin '85, and William Bauer '86 were in attendance.

As in previous years, this event occurred concurrently with Ag Field day at Cook College. At Ag Field Day, folks were permitted to visit the barnyard animals. Adults and children viewed and petted horses, pigs, chickens, and other farm animals.

The New Jersey Folk Festival and Ag Field Day are good annual events at Rutgers that are suitable for a family outing.

Special Admissions Orientation for Alumni Families

The Alumni Office, in cooperation with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, invites all alumni with college-bound children interested in Rutgers to attend the annual ALUMNI CAMPUS VISIT PROGRAM in New Brunswick on Friday, November 4, 1994. These special programs for members of the alumni family, sponsored by the Alumni Federation, afford an excellent opportunity to tour Livingston College and all the other undergraduate colleges in New Brunswick/Piscataway and meet with members of the faculty, representatives of the admissions staff, and undergraduate students. Parents are welcome to attend the all-day orientation on Friday or a special orientation for parents and students on Saturday morning, November 5th, prior to the Rutgers-Temple football game at Rutgers Stadium. For more information or to register for the 1994 ALUMNI CAMPUS VISIT PROGRAM, contact Kathy Kraus of the Alumni Office at (908) 932-6774.

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Happy Hour Across New Jersey - Hoboken

By Yash Dalal LC '92 and Michael L. Parascando III, LC '92

The Young Alumni Committee of the Rutgers Alumni Federation sponsored three Happy Hour events, in Hoboken, New Brunswick, and Cherry Hill. The first Happy Hour took place on April 8, 1994, at Club 159 in Hoboken. Many Rutgers University alumni attended this event and quite a few were alumni of Livingston College. Many of the alumni that attended live and work in the Northern New Jersey/New York City region. The Happy Hour created an opportunity to revitalize old friendships and make new ones. Everyone had a good time meeting friends, while enjoying the free food and lively music. The event was very casual and worth attending again. The Young Alumni Committee will sponsor other events for recent graduates in the near future.

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Do you have any information for Rutgers Magazine that you would like to share with your alumni friends? Please write to the LAA's correspondent, Maureen A. Sczpanki. Maureen's address is 261 Westwood Avenue, Long Branch, N.J. 07740. You may also write to Ruth Conner, Director of Rutgers Alumni Communications. Ruth's address is 7 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1262.

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Our Alma Mater's motto, "Strength Through Diversity", which reflects the college's mission to actively recruit people of all backgrounds and races, was stressed throughout the celebration. This was evident in class speaker Roger Strong Jr.'s speech when he thanked the college for exposing him to different cultures people of different backgrounds. He also noted that the college has taught him to be tolerant of views different from his.

Jeffrey Isaacs, LAA President, asked the graduates to keep their connection to their Alma Mater alive. He also announced reduced dues for new graduates - for a limited time. After explaining what membership in the LAA would mean to graduates, Livingston College, and the Association, Jeff announced the winner of this year's Livingston Pride Award - Janel C. Patti. Now we should proceed with the celebration of 25 years of "our" Livingston College. Look for announcements of future Livingston Alumni Association events. Be part of the celebration, and best wishes to the Class of '94.

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